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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Art and Technology – Creating 3D Zones in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this is Broward County Public Schools, located at 600 Southeast 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

The funding would be used to enhance Innovative Learning Labs at several existing middle schools while also expanding to provide a continuum of experiences integrating 3D tools and an effective curriculum to several elementary and secondary schools. This will provide pathways in visual art and design to strengthen spatial reasoning and STEM success. Research has shown that spatial thinking is often a limiting factor to success in mathematics and retention in STEM, especially among students typically underrepresented in STEM fields. As we work to strengthen our place in the current global economy, we need students entering the workforce with experience in both imagining and creating through the combination of visual arts and computer science, as it gives them an inventive and competitive edge.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wasserman Schultz

Member of Congress